

## Federal Voting Assistance Program (FVAP)

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### Summary

The Director, Federal Voting Assistance Program (FVAP), administers the Uniformed and Overseas Citizens Absentee Voting Act (UOCAVA) on behalf of the Secretary of Defense. The UOCAVA requires that the States and Territories allow certain U.S. citizens, to include overseas ARNG Soldiers, to register and vote absentee in elections for Federal office.

These citizens include:

- Members of the Uniformed Services (including Army, Navy, Air Force, Marine Corps, Coast Guard, Merchant Marine)
- Eligible family members of the above
- Commissioned Corps of the Public Health Service, and Commissioned Corps of the National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration
- U.S. citizens employed by the Federal Government residing outside the U.S., and
- All other private U.S. citizens residing outside the U.S.

The FVAP provides U.S. citizens worldwide a broad range of non-partisan information and assistance to facilitate their participation in the democratic process - regardless of where they work or live. The FVAP also administers the Federal responsibilities of the National Voter Registration Act (NVRA), which designates armed forces recruiting offices nationwide as voter registration agencies allowing eligible U.S. citizens to apply for voter registration or apply to change voter registration data.

The Federal Write-In Absentee Ballot (FWAB) wizard is now available on the FVAP website. If voters have registered and requested their absentee ballot by the State's deadline (or at least 30 days prior to the election, whichever is later), you may use the Federal Write-In Absentee Ballot (FWAB) any time before the election. In most cases voters can only use the FWAB to vote for Federal Offices in general elections. Some States have extended the use of the FWAB include voting in primary, run-off, and special elections or for offices other than Federal elections. If your regular absentee ballot is received after submitting the FWAB, complete and send it to your local elections office.

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- [FVAP FAQs](#)  
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- Federal Voting Assistance Program  
Department of Defense  
1777 North Kent Street  
Suite #14003  
Arlington, VA 22209  
\* Do not send registration and absentee ballot request forms to this address.  
Refer to [Find Out Where to Send Election Materials](#)
- FVAP [Customer Support](#)
- Telephone  
Toll-free: 1-800-438-VOTE (8683)  
DSN: 425-1584
- International Phone & Fax Numbers  
[Toll-Free International Fax Numbers](#)  
[Toll-Free International Phone Numbers](#)
- [Online Chat](#)  
FVAP has an online chat capability available 24 hours a day, 7 days a week:

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